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In re Application of:

NORTON, et al.

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FROM SULPHIDE MINERALS BY  
BIOLEACHING

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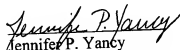
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Sir.

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that the references listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above referenced application. These references have been cited in the PCT International Search Report mailed on December 13, 2000. All of the documents are in English.

A copy of an English Abstract for FR2640284 is enclosed. This abstract was located on a commercial database. The remaining documents are in English.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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